Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

# Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 050237
ORIGIN EB-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CAB-05 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00
DOTE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 FAA-00 PM-04 H-02 L-03 NSC-05
PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 EPA-04 CEQ-01 NSCE-00 SSO-00
USIE-00 INRE-00 /072 R

DRAFTED BY EB/AVP:AJWHITE:VLV
APPROVED BY EB/AVP:AJWHITE
----------072240Z 062801 /73
O 072206Z MAR 77
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS STATE 050237

LONDON FOR BILLER/STYLES

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, FR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - PRESIDENT ON CONCORDE

FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM TRANSCRIPT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS ON CONCORDE MARCH 5, AS REPORTED IN NEW YORK TIMES.

QUOTE. QUESTION. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOUR OPINION IS OF THE FRENCH-ENGLISH CONCORDE, AND WITH THE ELECTIONS IN FRANCE THIS WEEK, DO YOU FEEL THAT REJECTION OF THE CONCORDE WOULD BRING THE POWER TO THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY, AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT MANY FRENCH CITIZENS ARE COUNTING ON THE SST TO KEEP FRANCE FROM GOING THE COMMUNIST WAY. SO WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THAT?

ANSWER: O.K. OUR GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 050237

OPINION, MR. LAU. THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZED THE CONCORDE TO COME INTO OUR COUNTRY FOR A 16-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD, AND A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I MADE A STATEMENT THAT I AGREED WITH THAT DECISION AND THOUGHT THE CONCORDE OUGHT TO BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO FULFILL ITS TRIAL ITSELF.

AS YOU KNOW, UNDER THE FEDERAL LAW I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

DULLES AIRPORT, AND SO DID PRESIDENT FORD, AND WE'RE

PERMITTING THE TEST FLIGHTS TO COME INTO DULLES AND WE'RE VERY CAREFULLY MONITORING THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE SST FLIGHTS, INCLUDING PRIMARILY NOISE.

KENNEDY AIRPORT IN NEW YORK IS NOT UNDER MY CONTROL AT ALL. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, NO AUTHORITY OVER IT. THE NEW YORK PORT AUTHORITY HAS THAT DECISION TO MAKE AND I UNDERSTAND THAT ON MARCH 10 THEY ARE GOING TO MAKE A DECISION WHETHER THE CONCORDE CAN COME IN FOR TEST FLIGHTS OR NOT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT DECISION WILL BE.

I TALKED TO PRESIDENT GISCARD FROM FRANCE YESTERDAY ABOUT THE CONCORDE, AND ALSO TALKED TO GOV. HUGH CAREY TO LET CAREY KNOW, AS PRESIDENT GISCARD HAD ASKED ME TO, THAT THE FRENCH PEOPLE CONSIDER THIS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

MY OWN STATEMENT TO PRESIDENT GISCARD IS THAT WE ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE SST FLIGHTS BECAUSE OF COMMERCIAL COMPETITION--ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO OUR OWN CONGRESS DECIDED NOT TO GO INTO THE SST BUILDING BUSINESS--AND THE WHOLE PROBLEM IN OUR COUNTRY IS NOISE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MAINTENANCE.

NOW, I MIGHT SAY ONE OTHER THING. I THINK THAT THE NOISE STANDARDS IN OUR COUNTRY ARE GOING TO BE STRICTER AND STRICTER IN THE FUTURE AND NOT MORE AND MORE LENIENT, AND THE SAME NOISE STANDARDS OUGHT TO APPLY TO AN AIRPLANE,
UNCLASSIFIED



WHETHER IT'S A CONCORDE OR A LOCKHEED OR SOME OTHER KIND OR ANY SORT OF AMERICAN COMMERCIAL PLANE, SO I THINK WE CAN ESTABLISH STRICT ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS. I THINK THEY OUGHT TO APPLY TO THE SST FLYING A COURSE AT SUBSONIC SPEEDS AND OUR OWN COMMERCIAL PLANES THE SAME.

BUT IT'S THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTION THAT WILL EXCLUDE THE CONCORDE IF IT IS EXCLUDED AND NOT ANY SORT OF ANIMOSITY TOWARD THE FRENCH PEOPLE, NOR IS IT ANY COMMERCIAL COMPETITION BETWEEN US AND FRANCE ON SST FLIGHTS. END QUOTE.

VANCE



Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009

# Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
**Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
**Concepts:** PRESIDENT, TEXT, SPEECHES, CONCORDE
**Control Number:** n/a
**Copy:** SINGLE
**Sent Date:** 07-Mar-1977 12:00:00 am
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
**Decaption Note:**
**Disposition Action:** n/a
**Disposition Approved on Date:**
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a
**Disposition Comment:**
**Disposition Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
**Disposition Event:**
**Disposition History:** n/a
**Disposition Reason:**
**Disposition Remarks:**
**Document Number:** 1977STATE050237
**Document Source:** CORE
**Document Unique ID:** 00
**Drafter:** AJWHITE:VLV
**Enclosure:** n/a
**Executive Order:** N/A
**Errors:** N/A
**Expiration:**
**Film Number:** D770078-0459
**Format:** TEL
**From:** STATE
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Image Path:**
**ISecure:** 1
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770385/aaaacwzf.tel
**Line Count:** 109
**Litigation Code IDs:**
**Litigation Codes:**
**Litigation History:**
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
**Message ID:** 004481bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
**Office:** ORIGIN EB
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Page Count:** 2
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a
**Previous Classification:** n/a
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a
**Reference:** n/a
**Retention:** 0
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED
**Review Content Flags:**
**Review Date:** 29-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
**Review Event:**
**Review Exemptions:** n/a
**Review Media Identifier:**
**Review Release Date:** n/a
**Review Release Event:** n/a
**Review Transfer Date:**
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a
**SAS ID:** 3184324
**Secure:** OPEN
**Status:** NATIVE
**Subject:** CIVAIR - PRESIDENT ON CONCORDE FOLLOWING IS EXCERPT FROM TRANSCRIPT OF PRESIDENT CARTER\'S COMMENTS ON CONCORDE MARCH 5, AS REPORTED IN NEW Y
**TAGS:** EAIR, FR, US, (CARTER, JIMMY)
**To:** LONDON
**Type:** TE
**vdkvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/004481bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
**Review Markings:**
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009